

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Thursday, August 26th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda item:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
Michelle Kent
Fred Bolton
Nicole Mireles
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Tyrone Morrow, Chief of Police
Gary Pohl, Marshal
Larry Fansher, Parks Director
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.

Visitors: John Stanford Sherri Stanford
Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
Joyce Adkins Rosa McDonald
Jerry Meeks Eric Hayes
Ken Green

Call to order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing (1st) Proposing a tax rate in excess of the effective rate for the 2010-2011 tax year.

Mayor McDonald opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. He announced that this is the first Public Hearing on the tax rate for the fiscal year 2010-2011 The second Public Hearing is scheduled for September 7th, 2010, 6:00 p.m., at Freeport Municipal Court Chambers, 430 North Brazosport Blvd., and voting on the proposed tax rate is scheduled for September 20th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at this same location.

Joyce Adkins of 102 N. Ave. C commented that it was the poorest set of public hearings she had attended. The Council members didn't question the budget, and felt that Council could not justify an increase. She commented that if you can't afford it, don't buy it.

Jim Pirrung asked for the effective tax rate. Mr. Bob Welch responded to him that it was 0.678416. That's the rate that would bring the City the same amount of tax revenues it received in the previous year. We are going to receive more tax revenues this year because our tax base went up. The City is not changing the tax rate.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor McDonald closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Thursday, August 26th, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
Michelle Kent
Fred Bolton
Nicole Mireles
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
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Ken Green

Call to order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the August 16th, 2010 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the August 16th, 2010 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were no public comments.

Discuss a proposed budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.

City Council, Staff and City Manager met for the sole purpose to discuss the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. Mr. Pynes reviewed the proposed budget to Council and provided summaries and recommendations and answered questions from audience and council.

John Stanford questioned the letter dated August 19th, 2010 attached to the proposed budget. Mr. Stanford said it was a criminal offense to discuss budgetary staffing

reductions in an Executive Session. He said the public had a right to know and should be in an open forum.

Mayor McDonald closed the formal agenda and opened the Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit;

City Manager

Mayor McDonald closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open session at 8:41 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "aye", Council adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor

Delia Munoz
City Secretary